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SUBJ: TANGOV DETENTION OF AMERICANS

REF: A. DAR ES SALAAM 2668; B. STATE 171653

1. SUBSEQUENT TO MY TELCON THIS MORNING WITH MUGANDA (DAR REFTEL) EMBOFF MET WITH MUGANDA ON OTHER MATTER. AT CONCLUSION OF CONVERSATION, MUGANDA SAID HE WISHED TO PASS ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING DETENTION OF AM CITIS. FOLLOWING MY CONVERSATION WITH MUGANDA AUGUST 6 (DAR ES SALAAM 2656), MUGANDA TALKED WITH MALECELA WHO, IN TURN, SAW PRESIDENT NYERERE EVENING OF AUGUST 6. NYERERE REPORTEDLY DIRECTED TANZANIAN DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, PRESUMABLY GAMA, IN PRESENCE OF MALECELA TO GIVE EMBASSY CONSULAR ACCESS TO AMERICAN DETAINEES WITHIN TWO DAYS. GAMA REPORTEDLY AGREED.

2. IT BECAME APPARENT FROM MEETING, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE TWO GROUPS OF DETAINEES -- ONE GROUP CONSIDERED TO BE PRISONERS UNDER MINISTRY OF HOME
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AFFAIRS AND OTHER GROUP BEING HELD BY TANZANIAN SECURITY

SERVICE (TSS) FOR INVESTIGATION OF SECURITY RELATED MATTERS. MUGANDA COMMENTED HE EXPECTED MIN. OF HOME AFFAIRS WOULD POSE NO OBSTACLES TO TWO-DAY DEADLINE FOR CONSULAR ACCESS. HE WAS NOT SO SANGUINE TSS WOULD MEET DEADLINE IN SPITE OF DIRECTIVE FROM NYERERE. MUGANDA NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, HE IS NOT EVEN CERTAIN WHERE ALL DETAINEES ARE LOCATED -- UPCOUNTRY OR IN DAR ES SALAAM. MUGANDA CONCLUDED BY SAYING "BELIEVE ME, WE IN THE MINISTRY ARE DOING ALL WE CAN ON THIS ISSUE."

3. COMMENT: MUGANDA'S COMMENTS SUGGEST, AS WE SUSPECTED, THAT TSS MAY NOT BE FULLY UNDER CONTROL. IN VIEW NYERERE'S APPARENT PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN SITUATION NOW WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL HAVE CONSULAR ACCESS TO DETAINED AMERICANS IN DAR ES SALAAM IN NEXT FEW DAYS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY OFFERED AS APPROPRIATE, TO ACHIEVE CONSULAR ACCESS.
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